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PREPARED: 1/31/08**

AGENDA ITEM: Question and Answer Period regarding MHSOAC Executive Director's Report, Department of Mental Health Report, and the Government Partners Report**ENCLOSURES:**

- MHSOAC Executive Director's Report
- DMH Report
- Minutes from Government Partners Meeting, dated 1/11/08

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: Updated information will be brought to the meeting.

ISSUE:**MHSOAC Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director's Report is organized to provide an update on all MHSA programs, an update on the activities of the MHSOAC Technical Resource Groups, and an update on the projects MHSOAC Staff are working on. The report is meant to be a companion report to the Department of Mental Health Report which provides the "meat and potatoes" regarding MHSA plans received, money that has gone out or is encumbered, etc.

This report has undergone several transformations over the years in terms of content. As Commissioners become more familiar with the report it is expected its content may change over time. What constitutes "ideal content" for the Executive Director's report could be a good discussion item for the March Strategic Planning Meeting if there is interest.

Department of Mental Health Report

The Department of Mental Health Report is meant to provide information necessary to the Commission to fulfill part of its oversight and accountability role. The report focuses on MHSA funding with an emphasis on how money is being distributed, what has been expended to date, etc. It also sometimes includes information about sensitive MHSA issues under discussion within the Department.

Government Partners

There has been widespread interest on the part of Commissioners and stakeholders alike about what happens in Government Partners meetings. As part of a commitment to making the content and process of those meetings more transparent, the MHSOAC receives a monthly report about the Government Partners meeting from its designated representatives. This allows Commissioners to know ahead of time the kinds of issues which are likely to come before them at some point in the future for action (since decisions are not made in Government Partners but brought before each participant's entity)